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PORT HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

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REPORT OF THE DEPUTY PORT MEDICAL OFFICER,

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GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS. This report and accompanying tables are in the form required by the Ministry of Health (Memo 302/SA of 1944), with the addition of tables I and II which give supplementary information on ships' quarters.

There are no major alterations to report in the working of the Department during the year. By arrangement with the Naval Medical Officer of Health control under the Port Health Regulations of Royal Fleet Auxiliary vessels reverted to the civilian Port Health Authority, as these vessels frequently carry civilian passengers.

The issue of Rodent Control Certificates to coastwise vessels under the Prevention of Damage by Pests(Application to Shipping) Order, 1951, was begun during the year.

1. AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE PORT DURING THE YEAR.

During 1951, 1,777 vessels entered the Port, with a total net tonnage of 2,434,869, an increase of 205 ships and 344,545 tons over 1950.

In the year under review, 165 ships were boarded by the Medical Officers, and 1,479 by the Inspector.

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TABLE A.

AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE PORT DURING THE YEAR 1951.

	Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected		Number reported to be defective.	Number of vessels on which defects were remedied.	Number of vessels on which defects were found and reported to Ministry of Transport Surveyors.	Number of vessels reported as having had during the voyage infectious diseases on board.
			By the Medical Officer	By the Port Health Inspector.				
Foreign Steamers	338	1,912,228	165	454	12	9	-	14
Motor	309							
Sailing	-							
Fishing	-							
Total Foreign	647	1,912,228	165	454	12	9	-	14
Coast-wise Steamers	547	522,641	-	1,025	9	7	-	-
Motor	583							
Sailing	-							
Fishing	-							
Total Coastwise	1,130	522,641	-	1,025	9	7	-	-
Total Foreign and Coastwise	1,777	2,434,869	165	1,479	21	16	-	14

11. CHARACTER OF THE TRADE OF THE PORT.

(a) Passenger Traffic. During 1951, 14,921 persons passed through the Port, an increase of 2,845 over the previous year.

The number of passengers embarked was 3,298, and the number of passengers landing was 11,623.

The number of Aliens passing through the Port was 6,311, compared with 3,759 in the previous year.

The total number of passengers on board vessels arriving at the Port was 50,192.

	Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected		Number of vessels found defective	Number of vessels not ready for inspection
			By the Board	By the Local Port Authority		
Sailing Vessels						
Number						
Tonnage						
Steam Vessels						
Number						
Tonnage						
Total Coasters						
Total Foreign and Coasters						

(b) Cargo Traffic.

Coastwise: General cargoes of foodstuffs arrive regularly from London, Bristol, Liverpool, and Glasgow, and coal from the North-East and Bristol Channel ports.

Foreign: Cargo traffic consisted mainly of Timber from Finland, France, Russia, Canada, and Sweden; Phosphates from Belgium, France, Germany, and North Africa, and Fertilisers from Holland; Grain from Vancouver, France and Russia; General Foodstuffs from Holland.

TABLE B.

(a) PASSENGER TRAFFIC DURING THE YEAR 1951.

	Number of Passengers.
Inwards	11, 623
Outwards.....	3, 298

(b) CARGO TRAFFIC.

The Principal Imports were;-

Foreign:

Phosphates from Sfax, Casablanca, Nantes, Antwerp, Ghent, and Rouen.
Timber from Abo, Vancouver, Archangel, Bordeaux, Aarhus, Gothenburg, Valk, Kem, Norrkoping, Karlshamn, Helsinki, Halden, and Kotka.
Potash from Hamburg and Ghent.
Preserved Meats from Holland.
Grain from Vancouver, Bordeaux, Kherson and Odessa.
Fertilisers from Amsterdam.
Onions from Roscoff and Rotterdam.
Fruit from Belgium, Holland, France, and Valparaiso.
Slates from St. Malo.
Fuel Oil from Abadan.
Iron Ore from Huelva, Baltimore, and Fiume.
Cement from Bremen.
Pig Iron from Rotterdam.
Pyrites from Huelva.
Esparto Grass from Nemours and Arzew.
Bauxite from Toulon.
Ammonium Sulphate from Terneuzen.
Crystal Salt from Torrevieja.

Coastwise:

Coal from South Wales and North-East ports.
Vaporising Oil from Avonmouth, Sheerness, Thameshaven, and Swansea.
Fuel Oil from Portsmouth.
Fertilisers from Middlesborough.
Cement from London.
Basic Slag from Middlesborough.
China Clay from Fowey.
Benzine from Southampton, Hamble, and Fawley.
Grain from Avonmouth and Cowes.
Potatoes from Belfast, Londonderry, Kilkeel, and Dundrum.
Fish from Deep Sea Fishing Grounds.
Stone from Newlyn.
Oats from Falmouth, Aberdeen, and Newburgh.
Sugar from London.
Margarine, Peas, Soups, Cooking Fats, Sauce, Syrup, Tinned Fruit, Flour, Jam, Biscuits, Macaroni, Tapioca, Lentils and Custard Powder from Liverpool.

(e) FOREIGN PORTS FROM WHICH VESSELS ARRIVE.

Asia and Australasia.

Abadan
Adelaide
Chittagong
Fremantle
Georgetown
Hobart
Rangoon
Wellington, N.Z.

Europe.

Aarhus
Abo
Amsterdam
Antwerp
Archangel
Bilbao
Boulogne
Bordeaux
Bremen
Bremerhaven
Brest
Caen
Cahirciveen
Cherbourg
Copenhagen
Cork
Delfzyl
Drogheda
Dunkirk
Fecamp
Fiume
Flushing
Frederikshund
Galway
Gdynia
Gefle
Ghent
Gibraltar
Gothenburg
Granville
Guernsey
Halden
Hamburg
Helsingborg
Helsinki
Huelva
Jersey
Karlshamn
Kem
Kherson
Kiel
Kotka
Le Havre
Leixoes
Leningrad
Limerick
Malta
Nantes
Novorossisk
Norrkoping
Odessa
Oslo
Quimper
Rotterdam
Roscoff
Rouen
St. Helier
St. Malo
San Sebastian
Terneuzen
Tornea
Trapani
Torrevieja
Toulon
Trondheim
Valk
Vasa
Yxpila

America.

Antigua
Arica
Baltimore
Barbados
Callao
Curacao
Galveston
Kingston
Lobito
New York
Norfolk(Virg.)
Paramaribo
Philadelphia
Pointe à Pitre
Seattle
Trinidad
Valparaiso
Vancouver.

Africa.

Agadir
Arzew
Beira
Bona
Cape Town
Casablanca
Dar-es-Salaam
Duala
Durban
Funchal
Melilla
Nemours
Port Said
Sfax
Targa.